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UNIVERSITY

Developing furlough policy explained

CUPB to present recommendations, release comments to Perry on Dec. 11

By Bob Bajek
Associate News Editor

The process for developing the university’s furlough policy was explained at Tuesday’s Faculty Senate meeting in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

The Council on University Planning and Budget submitted a possible policy where no more than 30 furlough days, or six work-weeks, in one year would be required for employees.

Karen Drage, assistant professor of business and a CUPB member, explained how CUPB is only collecting data from faculty and staff responses and not developing the furlough policy.

Drage said President Bill Perry asked CUPB to look at the policy and collect comments. It would then take those comments and make recommendations to the president.

“I think this is really important for the campus community to understand this,” Drage said. “We are not charged with developing the policy, nor are we endorsing the policy. Our bylaws clearly state CUPB serves in an advisory capacity. So we are in the preliminary process.”

Drage said she has charged CUPB members to actively go out and encourage comments from colleagues. The council has collected 32 responses and is looking for at least 10 more.

The next CUPB meeting will be Monday and the comments will be categorized. CUPB will present its recommendations to Perry on Dec. 11, and will also release all the comments. The campus community will be able to see the draft of the furlough policy, the recommendations and Perry’s revised policy.

CUPB will schedule two or more open forums in January where faculty can voice concerns.

John Pommier, president of Faculty Senate, said those members will go to the forums and see what they learned.

“We can hear what the discussion is and hear what they are proposing,” Pommier said. “We can support possibly what is being proposed to the president as a resolution or not. It all depends on what comes through on Jan. 26.”

Faculty members have voiced their concerns to Pommier and the Senate.

He said Perry allows an open process in trying to come up with what the language for the written furlough policy will be.

“A lot of it goes down to here we have first group proposal of what this means, and now it is open,” Pommier said.

Summer session

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said his office would help work on a summer schedule, but he deferred that responsibility to the School of Continuing Education.

Pommier told Lord he was disappointed that

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HOOVER MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Service planned for Saturday

Memorial Fund established

By Collin Whitchurch
Sports Editor

A memorial service for Eastern football offensive line coach Jeff Hoover will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Hoover died late Saturday at the age of 41 when the car he was riding in rolled over as it swerved to avoid a deer.

Eastern strength and conditioning coach Eric Cash, his wife Sherri, Hoover’s wife Penny and three kids were also injured in the crash.

Eric and Sherri Cash are both still being treated at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. Their child was released from the hospital Saturday evening. One of the Hoovers’

two children was released Sunday, and another child, along with Penny Hoover, were released Tuesday morning.

A Jeff Hoover Children’s Education Memorial Fund will be announced at Saturday’s memorial service, and donations to the fund will be accepted at the service. Additional information on how people can contribute to the fund will be made available during Saturday’s service.

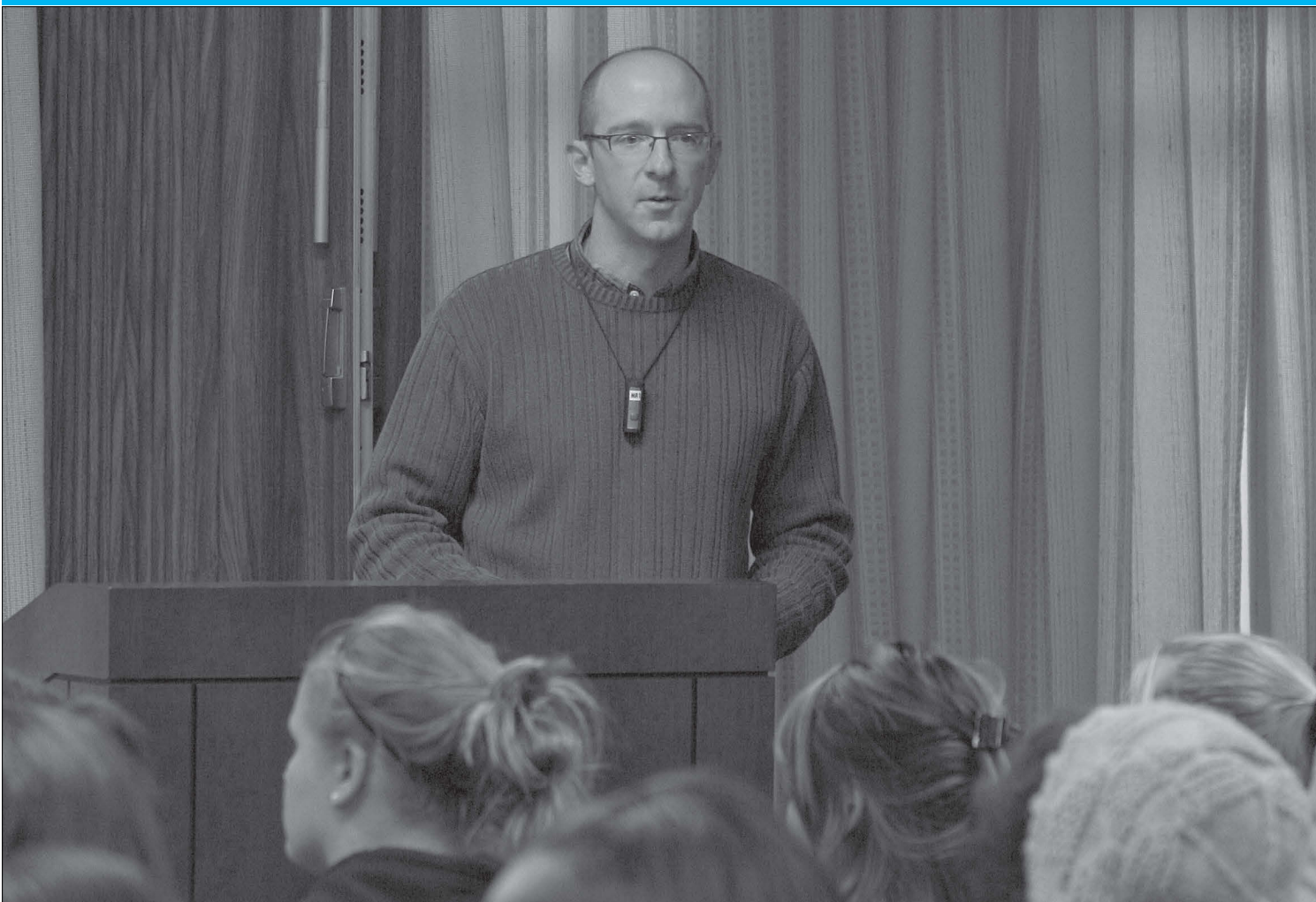
The Eastern football team has

also started accepting donations of gift cards to help both the Hoover and Cash families. The athletic department has asked that people wishing to contribute please not send cash donations to the Eastern football office.

Saturday’s memorial service is open to the public.

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CHELSEA GRADY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

‘Ace That Test! Finals Edition’ workshop presented by Brian Brausch, a grad assistant for the Student Success Center filled the Charleston Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union Tuesday at 4 p.m.

CITY

Zoning map changes need more review

By Stephen Di Benedetto
City Editor

City Council unanimously approved changes Tuesday to the Unified Development Code and comprehensive plan, but the council decided it needed more time to review changes to the Zoning Map.

Changes to all three items are three years in the making after Mayor John Inyart formed a committee to examine the items. Changes to the map are the most

“The pension fund is going to take a large chunk of our levy for the next several years.”

John Inyart, Mayor

extensive because it has not been revised since its adoption in 1969.

“The committee had two-and-a-half years to review this,” Inyart said in an interview. “We’ve had

three weeks.”

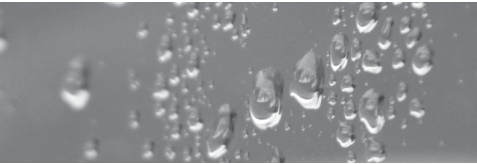
Council unanimously granted another layover period for the map. The council will address the issue again at its Dec. 15 meeting.

The council did not accept public comment on the changes to the code and plan. Inyart said residents had the opportunity to comment on the changes during the Zoning Board’s public hearings.

Inyart said changes to the code, which was adopted in 2003, were minor. City Attorney Brian Bower said the plan, which was adopted in 1999, received favorable reviews. Changes to the plan include updating goals and objectives to the city’s long-range plans.

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WEATHER TODAY



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Proposal to be introduced

Staff report

At the second to last meeting of the semester, two proposals will be introduced to the Student Senate. The first would establish a bylaw revision committee, similar to the current Committee of Constitutional Oversight.

Zachariah Caskey, a first semester student senate member, was one of the four authors who submitted the proposal.

“It is very imperative that we take a deeper look at our bylaws and revisit them,” Caskey said. “We need to make sure that the language coincides.”

The second proposal will request \$218.13 to fund an Eastern representative’s travel costs to attend the December Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee Conference at Northeastern Illinois University.

Director of Housing Mark Hudson will speak to the Student Senate about the Bond Revenue committee. The Student Senate meeting will be at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Gregg Technology Center’s expanded hours were incorrect. They begin Sunday.

The DEN regrets this error.

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Old Main lights up campus



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Holiday lights illuminate the walls of Old Main on Tuesday, reminding students and Charleston residents that the holiday season has begun.

1921-2009

Former Eastern professor dies

Staff Report

A former Eastern professor died Sunday in Florida at the age of 88.

John Guckert, formerly of Charleston, first worked at Eastern in 1968, where he accepted a position as assistant professor of education.

During his time at Eastern, his students presented him with the campuswide Outstanding Teacher Award. Following the war, he taught at an Ohio high school and completed his Doctorate in education and Middle East history at Ohio State University.

His wife Joyce, two daughters



John Guckert died Sunday in Florida at the age of 88.

ters Karen Schnorf and Lisa Cox, two son-in-laws Jim Schnorf and Wayne Cox, and two grandchildren John and Lisa Schnorf survive him.

Guckert’s memorial service will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home in Worthington, Ohio.

Donations can be made to Eastern Illinois University—Dr. John Guckert Scholarship Fund, 860 W. Lincoln, Charleston.

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David Thill

I don't want to grow up!

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He asked me some preliminary questions and then suggested a couple possible causes.

I was deeply afraid that my kidneys were failing or that perhaps I had grown my very own tumor.

Then my doctor uttered something that frightened me far more deeply than cancer or renal disease ever could.

"How old are you, again?" he asked.

"Twenty-four," I muttered.

"Well, David, you are getting older. It's most likely just back pain," he said.

And with that, our appointment was over and I was left to return home, armed with the advice he gave me: Avoid heavy lifting, ice my back when it hurts and stretch every morning.

So I returned home, dejected and despondent. I couldn't believe he said it — "You are getting older."

The words kept running through my head.

"But, I'm only 24 years old," I protested later to my mom.

"Yeah. And that means you are in your mid-20s," she replied with a tone like she couldn't believe I hadn't grasped the concept yet.

Thus, I realized the days of feeling like an invincible iron man were over. Despite my hypochondria, I suppose there has always been a part of me, deep down, that never thought anything could really happen to me. I think we all feel that way in our youth.

It is natural for teenagers and young adults to feel bulletproof, to feel impervious to harm. That's why we can go out and drink like Motley Crue and still wake up the next day for an 8 a.m. class.

Sooner or later, though, those days melt away and we are left with what I am calling a quarter-life crisis.

It's the unpleasant realization that childhood and adolescence are over. The moment when we stop wondering what we are going to be like when we grow up and are forced to realize that this is, in fact, what are like now that we are grown-up.

My friends, I don't like it.

Don't get me wrong, I like where my life is at: Good family, finishing school, great jobs, and awesome girlfriend — bad back. Groan.

Even now the old spine is hurting a little. And it isn't because I fell down or even that I twisted it doing something fun — it has come from Father Time laughing at my expense.

I am still in the better years of my life, physically speaking, but time does catch up to us all.

That nonexistent hangover that failed to hit me when I was 21 lingers from a Thursday night through Sunday morning now.

So, young college student, just remember that, while you may be invincible, live it up now while exercising safety and judgment.

At the end of the day, we will all turn from children to teens to freshmen and, eventually, we will all enter that quarter-life crisis.

And it is then one must realize the time to take care of your body is now and, as always, getting older is no picnic.

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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

DAILY EDITORIAL
The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Death should inspire donations

Eastern experienced yet another in a string of tragic losses to the campus family Saturday when Eastern football offensive line coach Jeff Hoover died in a car accident while traveling back from Carbondale.

Hoover was a passenger in a vehicle that swerved to avoid a deer. Now his wife and children are left to grapple with a new reality of life without their husband and father. Eastern football strength and conditioning coach Eric Cash, his wife Sherri, Hoover's wife Penny and three children were also injured in the accident.

But Hoover's friend and co-worker, defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni and his wife Jenny have declared they intend to help the two families by collecting donations.

And as Christmas draws ever nearer, we must do what we can and donate as much as possible to aid Hoover and Cash's families.

Beginning with the deaths of Eastern Athletic Hall of Famer Merv Baker and women's basketball assistant coach Jackie Moore, Hoover's death could leave many on campus with a feeling of "What's next?"

The answer should be simple: We help the family of our Eastern family member.

In an article that appeared in Tuesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, Bellantoni said, "What we're doing is taking any donations of gift cards or money to put toward gift cards so the grandparents and others can get food while taking care of the kids."

Of course, everyone knows of the financial woes of college students — few ever have much money to spare. But we must think of Hoover's wife Penny and his children, Lauren and Cole, in

their time of grief.

Donations, no matter how much, will do nothing but help a grieving family in its time of need. And as Bellantoni said in the article, "With Penny being a part-time teacher, losing income isn't going to be easy for those guys."

However, helping now more than ever will be easy for all on Eastern's campus.

This is the time of year we are all taught to give back and show compassion. And it is imperative to give to the grieving families and let them know that, no matter what, they will now and always have a family in Eastern.

Those wishing to donate to the fund can drop by the football offices inside the O'Brien Stadium complex or send them by mail to: EIU Football office, Attn: Hoover/Cash Family Donations, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL 61920.

State budget woes strike again

The current state of the Illinois economy has left many groups and services scrambling to find funds.

As reported in an article in Monday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Center, or SACIS, has recently been forced to take out a \$35,000 loan simply to meet the costs of lost funding.

The problem lies in that the organization largely relies on funds granted by the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, which saw its general revenue cut in June by Gov. Pat Quinn.

The DEN article states that this action dissolves a "projected 68 percent of the state finances that support SACIS."

This is absolutely unacceptable and we must do what we can to ensure the organization does not slip through the cracks. It's time to help those who are helping those in need.

"If the money came through that we were promised, then we wouldn't be in any danger," said Bonnie Buckley, executive director for SACIS. "The problem is that promises are being made and (the state) isn't following through."

It is important to recognize the depth of service SACIS provides our community. The group not only offers counseling and support for survivors of sexual assault on Eastern's campus but also to the Charleston community.

"There simply aren't that many groups that offer counseling to (college) students," Buckley said. "But we don't just help students, we help anyone from pre-schoolers to senior citizens."

It's time to give back, Eastern. If every stu-

dent, faculty and staff member gave just \$1, we could generate nearly \$15,000 for an organization dedicated to assisting survivors of terrible and traumatic assaults.

The group is also holding fundraisers throughout December.

By simply going to the SACIS office in the basement of Lawson Hall, students can purchase \$5 coupons for Papa John's pizzeria or \$12 pewter Christmas ornaments. Outright monetary donations can be sent through campus mail to the SACIS office or to P.O. Box 858, Charleston.

We can help SACIS right now and we must.

After all, as stated in The DEN article, "Though hindered by a shortage of funds, SACIS foresees no shortage of patients."

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Shame, 11/21/09

Eastern football assistant caoch Jeff Hoover dies in car accident
Article posted on 11/20/09

"We are deeply shocked and saddened to hear the news of Coach Hoovers tragic accident. Coach Hoover was a coach with a purpose! He was driven and he gave that to our sons."

Debra and John Urman, 11/29/09

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The council also unanimously granted a two-week layover period on the property tax levy, which contains a minor tax increase to 2009 property values.

Inyart said in a Tuesday Daily Eastern News article that much of the levy will go toward increasing pension costs, which were negatively affected by the economic recession.

“The pension fund is going to take a large chunk of our levy for the next several years,” Inyart said during the meeting.

Because the property tax will not yield a large increase, Inyart said in the Tuesday article that the public works department would continue to operate in a maintenance mode in 2010.

Doing maintenance work allows the city to conduct minor repairs to

the Charleston infrastructure. As a consequence, major construction projects will be postponed.

The city is also experiencing a \$300,000 shortfall, which has caused officials to look for possible cuts, which includes public works.

The council denied 4-0-1 a conditional use change for a property along Seventh Street. First Mid-Illinois Bank requested the change to allow them to rebuild the 3-unit apartment building if it ever is greatly damaged.

Council member Larry Rennels said the change would make zoning inconsistent with the proposed changes to the map.

Council members Jeff Lahr, Jim Dunn and Tim Newell, along with Rennels, voted to deny the change. Inyart abstained because he serves on

a First Mid-Illinois Bank consumer board.

The council unanimously approved Motor Fuel Tax funds for the second phase of the city’s resurfacing project. \$284,000 of federal stimulus money will go toward the second phase. \$75,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds went to both phases of the project.

The second phase, which starts in the spring, includes the resurfacing of Jackson Avenue, from Eighth Street to 14th Street, and Harrison Avenue, from 11th Street to 18th Street.

The first phase was conducted in October.

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CHELSEA GRADY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Mayor John Inyart listens to other council members approve an action during the city council meeting Tuesday night.

FURLOUGH, from page 1

Lord’s office did not notify Faculty Senate about the change of the School of Continuing Education managing the summer session so the Senate would have a say. He also implied faculty thought this action made the process look suspicious. Lord told Pommier someone in his office forgot to notify the Senate about the change.

Robin Murray, a professor of English, said the Faculty Senate was concerned that the move to Continuing Education would mean moving to the lower salary.

“The concern is that the courses taught through Continuing Education are taught at an overload rate, which means it is a lot lower of a rate than our faculty salaries,” Murray said.

“According to the provost, we will be abiding by the (faculty) contract.”

For summer teaching, Murray said the contract provides faculty with a month’s salary for a course rather than the flat rate of \$1,000 per credit hour.

In other business, William Weber, vice president of business affairs, brought up revisions to the Campus

Master Plan. He said it will cost about \$250,000 to update the plan.

Pommier asked if there is a possibility of furloughs, why doesn’t the administration forgo the revisions to go back to salaries.

“We really accomplished what was on the original Master Plan, and I know the president wants to go full steam ahead with the next capital

project: The science building,” Weber said. “The plan for the science building is 10 years old and I don’t believe we can wait (revising the plan).”

Faculty Senate will reconvene on Jan. 12 with athletic director Barbara Burke as a speaker.

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 - 21 Was well-versed in a will?
 - 25 Sawbones
 - 26 Hot time in la cité
 - 27 Make in a cauldron
 - 31 R-rated, maybe
 - 34 Lock
 - 38 Guinevere, to Lancelot?
 - 41 Like some suspects
 - 42 Lunch site
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 - 46 Roxy Music co-founder
 - 48 Macramé company's goal?
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- 29 E-mail address ending
- 30 Jane of "Father Knows Best"
- 32 "Huh?"
- 33 Puts off
- 35 Kind of boost
- 36 Short
- 37 Many figs. on stained-glass windows
- 39 Norwegian king
- 40 Numbers game
- 45 "Uh, hold on! That's wrong!"
- 47 Like things said after cutting to a commercial
- 48 Fun
- 49 "___ Is to Blame" (1986 hit)
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MEN’S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Panthers to start league games

By Dan Cusack
Assistant Sports Editor

The men’s basketball team is only five games into its 2009-10 season, but the Panthers will begin conference play Thursday when they travel to Tennessee State and on Saturday they will play Austin Peay on the road.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said conference play comes so early for the Panthers, because the Ohio Valley Conference is involved in the ESP-NU BracketBuster and the conference tournament is a week earlier than most conferences.

This takes two weeks off the season and forces the OVC to play two early conference games early in the season.

“Usually you play your non-conference schedule to get ready for conference, so it can be tough,” Miller said. “Sometimes you are early in the season and have to play two conference games on the road. That is why you have to be disciplined.”

Senior forward Edin Suljic said for the players it is no different.

“No matter who we are playing we have to take it one game at a time,” Suljic said. “It doesn’t matter who you

are playing, you have to prepare the same way.”

Miller said the game at Chicago State was important because the Cougars were a test early in the season for the Panthers (3-2).

Ready for full court press

The Panthers practiced Tuesday for full-court press because both Tennessee State and Austin Peay run a variation of a full court-trapping defense.

Miller said they worked on it a little bit a few weeks ago, but got back to it earlier this week because he wanted to work on other things.

The Panthers had a little bit of trouble against the full court press against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis, but made adjustments in the second half.

Suljic said Tennessee State will play a three-quarter-court press and that the Tigers have some good athletes who will put on a lot of pressure.

Weekly honors

Junior guard Tyler Laser was an honorable mention for OVC Player of the Week after scoring at least 17 points in his last three games. Laser

scored a team-high 21 points in Eastern’s 95-62 loss to Belmont Saturday. He scored 17 points in an 82-68 win against Chicago State Tuesday and 23 points in a win 93-64 win Nov. 21 against Eureka. This is the second straight week he was nominated.

Around the league

Before tonight’s games, Eastern Kentucky and Murray State have the two best non-conference records so far this season with 5-1 records.

Colonels; junior guard Justin Stommes was named Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week after leading EKU to wins against Fairleigh Dickinson, UC Irvine and Texas-San Antonio. The Colonels’ lone loss this season is to Pittsburgh.

Murray State has won five straight games after losing the season opener to California 75-70 on Nov. 9. The Racers beat Tennessee Wesleyan 108-49 Saturday to win their fifth game of the season.

Eastern is the only other team over .500 with a 3-2 record.

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SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Squads end streak against Saint Louis

By Kevin Maras
Staff Reporter

Nearing the end of the semester, the Eastern men’s and women’s swimming teams have one meet left before resting up during the winter break.

Though they have only had three meets, the teams have learned a lot about themselves and what they need to do to stay competitive the rest of the season.

“We are just hoping to get great times and just go out there and do our best,” said senior freestyle swimmer Lauren Zillmer.

The Panthers are coming off their first win against Saint Louis since 2001 and hope to carry the win streak into their next dual meet against Ball State.

“Ball State is a little bit of a tough team to beat, they have a lot of talent,” Zillmer said.

The men’s is 2-1, and the women’s team is 1-2 on the year.

“(Tiltges) is one of the most experienced swimmers out of that class,” said head coach Matt Bos.

Tiltges has already earned honors from the Summit League.

He was named Summit League Male Athlete of the Week in October.

Also doing well early on this year is freshman freestyle swimmer John Wilson who touched the wall first in the 50-yard freestyle at Saint Louis.

Glance at the women’s team

Though the Eastern’s women’s team did win its first two dual meets, the team’s first win of the season against Saint Louis has given them a boost of confidence.

“We were just excited to go out there and race,” Zillmer said.

While the Panther men have seen some success with their young talent, the women’s swim squad has reached success with some of their more experienced swimmers.

Among the veterans who have put up some great performances this season is senior backstroke and individual medley swimmer Laura Nilsen.

Last Friday in St. Louis, Nilsen set a new school record in the 200-yard individual medley race (2 minutes, 10.35 seconds).

Also performing well is junior freestyle swimmer Megan Eshleman who along with Nilsen, won the 1,000-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke events against Saint Louis.

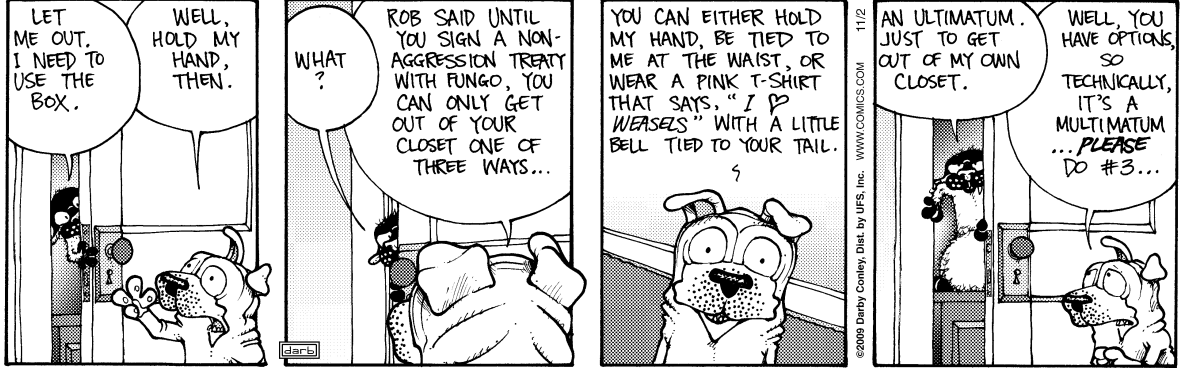
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Glance at the men’s team

The men’s team has swam itself to a 2-1 record and much of that can be contributed to the fact that many of the young swimmers from the 2009 recruiting class have come up big in the first three meets.

Among the many swimmers who have contributed this season is freshman freestyle swimmer Ken Tiltges who along with Zillmer from the women’s squad, placed first in the 200-yard freestyle in last Friday’s meet at Saint Louis.

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“I wanted to leave home. I thought it would be better for me to grow up outside of the bubble that I have been raised in,” Wyss said. “I felt that the Eastern women’s basketball system would fit me and so far I have really enjoyed the coaches, my teammates and the basketball program.”

Since arriving at Eastern, Wyss has already begun to contribute to the women’s basketball team, as she scored 12 points on 4-of-9 shooting, including going 2-of-3 from behind

the three-point line in her first collegiate game against No. 3 Ohio State.

Wyss said while she is currently performing as more of an offensive threat, it is her defense that commands her focus.

“A lot of people can go out and shoot the ball well on offense, but it is the defensive end where you can make things happen,” Wyss said.

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 All Access: Podcast with Kelsey Wyss

VIEWS



Alex McNamee

Only a freshman, Nixon is Ta’rrific

As a high school senior, Eastern freshman guard Ta’Kenya Nixon was featured on women’s basketball posters and schedules at Michigan City High School in Indiana.

Now, as a freshman starting guard for Eastern’s women’s basketball team, Nixon is already working her way up to poster status.

Following the first week of games, Nixon averaged a shade more than 14 points, nearly seven rebounds and five assists per game. All of those numbers lead the team. In her third game, she notched a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds against Northern Colorado.

For her efforts, she was awarded both the Player and Freshman of the Week honors in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Nixon has freakish speed going up and down the court. In Sunday’s game against Brescia (Ky.), she stole the ball from one of the Bearcats’ players and sprinted down the court and put the ball in the hoop. This happened so fast that my eyes couldn’t catch up to her.

This same instance occurred four more times during the game as Nixon racked up five steals to go with her 16 points, five assists and five rebounds. Her speed, although ridiculous and lethal, isn’t even the most surprising part of her skills on the basketball court.


Actually, Nixon has a unique ability as a guard for finding the ball when it’s in the air. In fact, she leads the team in rebounding despite being the second smallest player on the team.

At 5-foot-8, Nixon brought down 5.3 rebounds per game in November. The next closest player to Nixon is senior forward Maggie Kloak who averages 4.8 per game while being at least three inches taller. While leading the team in points, rebounds, assists, steals and field goal percentage, she also has the second best free-throw percentage on the team at 80 percent.

Nixon is a gutsy, tenacious, foot-on-the-gas type of player. She’s the big-play receiver in football, she’s the baseball player who steals home and she sets the tone for the Eastern women’s basketball team. Much like a pace car, the speed Nixon goes, the team follows closely behind.

Whether Nixon is setting a fast pace or slow pace, her speed can burn you and she can make some easy buckets by just blowing past a lazy defense. Nixon scored more than 1,500 points in her high school career. If she continues on that track in college, she won’t just be remembered as a “Ta’rrific Freshman,” but as a legend.

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All Access
with Kelsey Wyss, freshman guard on the Eastern women’s basketball team

“(The coaches) taught us to fight through our exhaustion and tell our bodies that they are not done until we say they are done.”

Kelsey Wyss, Eastern freshman guard

Wyss: Weariless worker

Freshman guard develops ethic from h.s. coach

By Neil Schneider
Staff Reporter

When Kelsey Wyss was a freshman at Bishop Luers High School in Hoagland, Ind., she met someone who would change her outlook on basketball for the rest of her life.

Wyss met former Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne head coach Teri Rosinski, who instilled in Wyss an ethical outlook about the game of basketball that continues with Wyss into her college career.

Rosinski was a coach on the Bishop Luers girls’ basketball team during Wyss’ freshman (2006) and sophomore (2007) seasons.

“She instilled in us the desire to want to work harder than our opponents,” Wyss said.

Wyss, a freshman guard on the Eastern women’s basketball team, said Rosinski’s advice to her early on in her basketball career helped her understand the amount of work it takes to succeed in athletics at the college level.

“When we worked out this summer, the coaches (Eastern’s) taught us to never give up and to push our bodies,” Wyss said. “They taught us to fight through our exhaustion and tell our bodies that they are not done until we say they are done.”

In addition to receiving the helpful words from Rosinski, Wyss also received an Indiana High School Athletic Association State Championship ring in 2006, as well as being named MVP of the game for contributing 21 points and 8 rebounds for the Knights in Bishop Luers’ victory.

Wyss, a guard, said the experience of winning an IHSAA State Championship is something that she will remember forever.

“It was a once in a life-time experience, and I’ll never forget it. I remember that our team worked so hard all year and it paid off in the end,” Wyss said. “We will always have that ring on our finger.”

Wyss said when it came time to decide between staying close to home for college or going somewhere further away, the decision was simple.



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Eastern freshman guard Kelsey Wyss has played in all six games this season. The Hoagland, Ind., native is averaging 5.7 points a game and 3.7 rebounds a game, leading the Panthers to a 3-3 mark this season.

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